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1305, 1319, 1341, 1357
LR 307

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 735 of the Legislative Journal.) 15 ayes, 22 nays on the amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The amendment is not adopted. The call is raised. Items for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, I do, thank you. Your Committee on Revenue reports LB 1025 to General File with amendments. Government Committee reports (LB) 1059, (LB) 1254, (LB) 1101, (LB) 1295, (LB) 1319 to General File; and (LB) 1249, (LB) 1305, (LB) 1341, (LB) 1357, and LR 307 indefinitely postponed. Those reports all signed by the respective chairs. (See pages 736-37 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Brown. (See AM3257 on page 738 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bromm, you're recognized....I'm sorry. Senator Brown, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am a cosponsor of 1063 and an absolute supporter of 1063. And I believe in the approach that 1063 takes in terms of starting out with Medicaid as the way to deliver the services, the health care services to the children that are going to be served under the children's health insurance program. But I also think that we need to look at whether Medicaid is the only way that we want to provide services. And so my amendment would sunset the current provisions of the legislation in two years, and require a plan that would include the provision of health care services through private insurance. The provisions of the state children's health insurance program say that a state may submit an initial minimal plan to secure its federal funding, and then build its program incrementally, after taking time to plan a more comprehensive approach, if desired. But in order to draw down their first year's allotment, the state must have at least a minimal plan approved by September 30, 1998. So it's very important that we move forward with 1063 if we want to provide health insurance and health services to the children of working